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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS: LABOR DEPT FOR BLS - JULEIT F. KIDNEY:
NEA/RA - MR. HOLLY; AID/W - OLAB

E. O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ELAB, AG
SUBJ: BLS PRICES, INCOME AND POVERTY SEMINAR: ALGERIAN PARTICIPATION

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1. ALGERIAN LABOR MINISTRY STILL HAS NOT DESIGNATED ITS PARTICIPANT
FOR SUBJECT SEMINAR. MINISTRY HOPES TO GIVE US NAME IN COURSE OF
DAY BUT SAYS THAT ARRIVAL FEB 22 OUT OF QUESTION.

2. TWO FINANCIAL MATTERS ALSO CAUSING LABOR MINISTRY CONCERN:
A. TUITION COST: IN OUR NOTE ANNOUNCING SEMINAR WE USED \$2000
FIGURE MENTIONED IN MATERIAL FORWARDED UNDER COVER OF JULIET KIDNEY'S
DEC 30 LETTER TO DUNBAR. ONLY NOW DO WE NOTE THAT THIS FIGURE RAISED
TO \$2430 IN SUBSEQUENT LETTERS KIDNEY SENT FOR DIRECT FORWARDING
TO PARTICIPANTS. WE HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO CHARGE \$2000 FIG-
URE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED.

B. PER DIEM: IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL IF MATERIAL DES-
CRIBING SEMINAR HAD MENTIONED \$40 PER DAY PER DIEM CHARGE. THIS,
PLUS INTERNATIONAL AIR FARE, DOUBLES OVERALL COST OF SEMINAR TO GOA,
AND LABOR MINISTRY NATURALLY TAKEN ABACK. THERE IS GOOD POSSIBILITY
THAT THIS HIGH COST WILL CAUSE MINISTRY TO CANCEL ITS PARTICIPATION.

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3. ALGERIAN PARTICIPANT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY REQUIRE FRENCH LAN-
GUAGE INTERPRETATION. PLEASE INFORM US OF EXACT COST FIGURE PER
PARA 2 REFTEL.

4. WE TOO ARE PLEASED AT PROSPECT OF HAVING ALGERIAN PARTICIPATION
IN SEMINAR AND HOPE IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR INTERESTED PARTIES TO
DO SOMETHING ABOUT REDUCING COSTS TO GOA. HAYNES

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